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# MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Welcome to this edition of *The Cambridge Life Magazine*. Whether you're living, working, learning, visiting or just playing here, our 6.25-square-mile City has something for everyone. We have award-winning restaurants, world-class academic institutions, vibrant neighborhoods, rich cultural diversity and passion for preserving our past while evolving toward our future.

Cambridge's reputation as a hub for innovation is legendary. The sewing machine, microwave oven and E-ink screen were all invented here. Today, we have more tech and biotechnology companies per square mile than anywhere else in the world. These accomplishments are borne out of our engaged citizenry taking advantage of Cambridge's many assets, including geography, resources, diversity and knowledge.

Collaborative efforts among City government, resident groups and community partners keep Cambridge on top. The City has been recognized for helping its residents lead better and healthier lives, for being one of the 100 best communities for young people and for being one of the most walkable cities in America. Our new Community Health Improvement Plan will help ensure we do even more. Also, this year, Cambridge will celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as the first community in the United States to issue a same-sex marriage license and to perform the first legal same-sex marriage.

Our collaborative approach extends to our commitment to environmental sustainability. For example, in 2013, Cambridge, Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology signed an historic "Community Compact for a Sustainable Future" aimed at leveraging the intellectual and entrepreneurial capacities of the business, non-profit, educational and municipal sectors to foster and maintain a healthy, livable and sustainable future. Cambridge also engages closely with residents and businesses to decrease the transportation bulk from single-occupancy vehicles in favor of more sustainable modes. In 2014, Cambridge will have over 30 bike-share locations that will be interchangeable with regional bike-share systems in Boston, Brookline and Somerville. Additionally, Cambridge's policies encourage developments that foster pedestrian, bicycle and public transit use in the city.



**Richard C. Rossi**  
City Manager

Our strong fiscal policies and aggressive Capital Improvement Plan allow Cambridge to provide a high level of service while respecting the taxpayers' wallets.

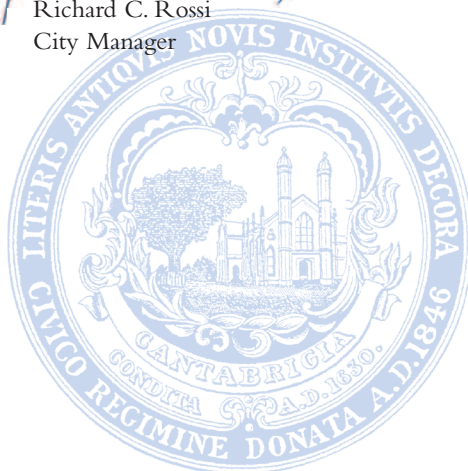
Cambridge is a remarkable place. Discover (or rediscover) all our City has to offer!

I hope that you enjoy this edition of *The Cambridge Life*. For up-to-date information on events happening in Cambridge or general visitor information, visit the Cambridge Office of Tourism, [cambridgeusa.org](http://cambridgeusa.org), or, for the latest City news and information, please visit our website, [cambridgema.gov](http://cambridgema.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard C. Rossi". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Richard C. Rossi  
City Manager





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**Photos:** Cambridge Fire Department's Hazardous Response Team suits up; A playful deck of cards designed by Rick Rawlins (Photo by Jackey West); Area IV teens and staff keeping fitness at the forefront; A fan of the Maher Park Garden (Photo by Jennifer Letourneau).

**Cover:** Various scenes from the Alewife Constructed Wetlands - a wonderful space for Cambridge residents and wildlife alike (Photo Courtesy of MWH Global, Inc.).



# MAKING STRIDES IN EQUALITY



AT 12:01 A.M. ON MAY 17, 2004, CAMBRIDGE BECAME THE FIRST CITY IN THE NATION TO ACCEPT STATE-SANCTIONED, SAME-SEX MARRIAGE INTENTIONS....  
**TEN YEARS LATER, 17 STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
 HAVE MARRIAGE EQUALITY FOR SAME-SEX COUPLES.**

Cambridge made history on May 17, 2004, twice in fact, as the first city in the country to accept marriage intentions from same sex applicants and the first to “officially” and legally marry a same sex couple.

**THE COURT RULED** In November 2003, the Massachusetts High Court, known as the Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) ruled that same sex couples have a constitutional right to marry and gave the Massachusetts Legislature six months to change state laws. May 17 was the target date that same sex couples would be allowed to marry.

**A CITY PARTY** Caught up in the excitement of this momentous and historic event, the Cambridge City Council decided to host a special reception and celebration at 10 p.m. on May 16 and allow same sex applicants to file marriage intentions at Midnight on May 17. Since most other municipalities were opening their doors at regular business hours Monday, May 17, word of Cambridge’s early opening spread like wildfire, anticipation grew and many decided to come to Cambridge for the celebration. One couple actually camped out on the steps of City Hall the night before to ensure the coveted number one spot for filing the first intention to marry in the U.S. Over 5,000 well wishers, friends, families were on hand inside and outside of City Hall to cheer on their couple or to just celebrate

along with everyone else.

**MEDIA MADNESS** The media coverage for this event was unlike any other Cambridge had seen before. In the hours before the reception, the line had grown considerably and so had the number of local, national and international media.

**THE MOMENT ARRIVES** The doors to City Hall opened at 10 p.m. to a roar of applause and couples began filing into the Sullivan Chamber for the reception, picking up an assigned number that would later be called for filing their intent to marry. Music played, speeches were made, wedding cake was served and the atmosphere in City Hall was electric as the clock struck midnight. Mayor Michael A. Sullivan called the first couple, Marcia Hamms and Susan Shepard, both of Cambridge, to proceed to the basement where the City Clerk’s Office and





others had set up shop to process marriage intention applications. As Hams and Shepard descended the stairs, the excitement intensified and photographers scrambled to get the best spot to shoot history in the making. The range of emotions from the first couple, the well wishers and others went from giddy, to nervous to ecstatic.

For the next few hours, the mayor, vice mayor and numerous city employees helped move along the 227 couples who would eventually file intentions between midnight and 2:30 a.m. on May 17. City employees worked diligently to mark this special event staying into the wee hours of the morning,

some never even leaving before the next work day, to make this all happen. Each time a couple exited City Hall the applause and good cheers resounded. The night was like one giant continuous wedding celebration.

**THE FIRST FEW** Among those filing intentions to marry on May 17 were City Councillor E. Denise Simmons and the Mayor's Chief of Staff, Garrett Simonsen. The celebration continued the next day as a Malden couple, Marcia Kadish and Tanya McCloskey, became the first legally married same sex couple in the United States, just after 9 a.m. A ton of video and still cameras were on hand again scrambling to take this historic shot. Just after them, Chip McLaughlin and Keith Maynard of Cambridge became the second same sex couple – the first from Cambridge – to legally marry in the United States. ■

**All photos from 2004:** Excitement grows inside and outside of City Hall as TV cameras capture Tanya McCloskey and Marcia Kadish of Malden (above right and opposite left), the first same sex couple to legally marry in the nation. City Councillor Denise Simmons (below, left - wearing a hat) and her partner, Mattie Hayes, celebrate with children Danielle, Tara and Azianna after filing intentions. Garrett Simonsen, the Mayor's Chief of Staff, and his partner, Dean Gendron, finally get their turn (below center). City Clerk Margaret Drury marries Keith Maynard and Chip McLaughlin, the first Cambridge couple (opposite center).



# Creating a Vibrant Connected Community

in East Cambridge & Kendall Square



New open space at Rogers Street, part of over 5 acres of new public open space coming to Eastern Cambridge and Kendall Square.

Over the past several decades, Kendall Square has transformed from a former industrial area into a world renowned center of biotech, high tech research and innovative companies. The recently completed Kendall Square Central Square (K2C2) Planning Study helped to create a vision for future growth in the area. Part of that vision includes an integrated, well managed and programmed network of public and private open spaces that serve a variety of users and provide a range of experiences and environments, which is a key element in creating a sense of place and community in Kendall Square, as well as facilitating connections to adjacent neighborhoods.

## A NEW CHAPTER

As a result of agreements between the City of Cambridge, developers, property owners and neighborhood groups in the area, over five acres of new and renovated public open space will be created in the vicinity of Kendall Square.

## NEXT STEPS

The Eastern Cambridge Kendall Square Open Space (ECKOS) Planning Study, now under way, represents a unique opportunity to plan and implement a vision for the entire open space network in Eastern Cambridge and Kendall Square. The City Manager-appointed ECKOS Study Committee, working with City staff and area stakeholders, has been meeting regularly to develop a preliminary vision and goals for the area; their work will help determine the character and role of both existing and potential/planned new open spaces.

As part of this process, the City is sponsoring a juried planning and design competition to generate creative approaches and develop a

comprehensive open space plan for the area. Kicking off in June 2014, the competition is intended to help attract a wide range of planning and design firms and to encourage new thinking regarding not only open space design but also the overall public realm, connections, programming and place making. Competition Coordinator STASTNY: architect llc, led by principal Donald J. Stastny, brings over three decades of experience with complex open space issues, and has managed over 46 national and international design competitions, including one for three key sites on the National Mall in Washington D.C.

The Coordinator will work closely with the ECKOS committee, City staff and the community throughout the 7-9 month process, which will involve assembly of a competition manual and jury, and outreach to a wide range of potential participants – local, national and international. The final result will be used to facilitate the creation of exceptional, visionary open spaces, further promote the innovative character of the area and help create a sense of place and community. ■

**Materials and updates at:**  
[www.cambridgema.gov/kendallopenspace](http://www.cambridgema.gov/kendallopenspace).



Donald Stastny, of STASTNY: Architect speaks with the Eastern Cambridge Kendall Square Open Space (ECKOS) Planning Committee.



# IMAGINING A MORE playful CITY

Play is fundamental to human development. Whether experienced alone or with others, play is most effective when it is imaginative, self-initiated, improvisational, challenging, open-ended and multi-sensory. Our built environment reflects this view, evidenced by “playgrounds” confined to fenced-in areas for young children in parks – where play is supposed to take place. If play nurtures cognitive, sensory and social development throughout life and contributes to our well-being, then creating more playful public spaces also nurtures stronger communities, and our cities should physically and visibly reflect these facts.

*Let the Public Play*, a public art project created by Cambridge Arts, invites you to imagine a more playful city. *Let the Public Play* includes two outdoor interactive temporary sculptures by Adam Simha and Skylar Tibbits appearing in different neighborhoods, as well as a deck of slotted building cards, designed by Rick Rawlins, filled with images of inspirational playful public art projects from cities around the world.

Building an urban environment that invites play can be as simple as designing a uniquely shaped fence, placing a mini library along a sidewalk or planting a grove of trees. It can be as complex as a bridge of colored lights that respond to foot traffic, or a park with many playful features for all generations. The City of Cambridge encourages diverse ways to bring play into our daily use of public space. Whether you are a resident or a visitor to Cambridge and whatever age you might be, your time in the city is made richer by playfulness. *Let the Public Play* invites you to take play seriously.

For more information on *Let the Public Play*, visit [cambridgeartscouncil.org](http://cambridgeartscouncil.org). ■



**Photos:** Artist Skylar Tibbits's rendering of proposed installation of “C-Strands” at Jill Brown Rhone Memorial Plaza; A playful deck of cards designed by Rick Rawlins (Photo by Jackey West); Guests of all ages enjoyed the interactive *Let the Public Play* exhibit at CAC Gallery (Photo by Phyllis Bretholtz).





# CAMBRIDGE YOUTH PROGRAMS

## HELPING TO DEVELOP IMPORTANT SKILLS

Cambridge residents, whether they are a pre-teen, a middle schooler or a teen, can take advantage of a variety of programs.

Four of Cambridge's Youth Centers offer licensed afterschool programs for pre-teen and middle school students. Programs include cooking classes, weird science experiments, community service volunteering, arts and crafts, dance, athletics and games.

All of Cambridge's Youth Centers offer **Teen Programs** that provide youth with access to gymnasiums, organized games, social gatherings and workshops. Some programs include Men's Discussion Group, Women's Only Gym Time, Hip Hop History, Game Nights, Mission Possible Ladies Program and paid internships through the Office of Workforce Development's Neighborhood Service Projects program.

The **All Teens All The Time** at the Willis D. Moore Youth Center provides a Teens Only Program that focuses on leadership development and college readiness while providing a fun and safe atmosphere.

### READY FOR COLLEGE?

The College Success Program brings high school students to college campuses through academic and social events. The program also partners with LetsGetReady.org to prepare high school students for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) for little to no cost.

### SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ARTS AND MATH

We provide fun, hands-on, experiential learning that allows members to explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM). Young people are experimenting and learning in a safe, supervised environment where they are challenged to ask questions and solve problems together. Recently, at a Weird Science Workshop at Frisoli Youth Center, youth used

prior knowledge to come up with a hypothesis to explore science mysteries then experiment to test their hypothesis. In this experiment, CYP Members learned about the molecular structure of soap and wondered, "What will happen to soap exposed to microwaves?" Youth used what they knew about microwaves to come up with answers such as "it will melt" and "it will disappear." CYP Members were excited by the results.

### CYP Middle School Activities Club

offers weekend field trips and outings to all Cambridge residents in grades 6-8 (both public and private school). The citywide club is great place for young people to develop socially in a structured way.



**Top Photo:** Area IV teens and staff keeping fitness at the forefront. **Above:** Music Production time at Gately Youth Center.





**Photos:** Gately Middle Schoolers learn new dance moves; “STEAM” learning in action at Frisoli Youth Center; Teens at Moore Youth Center researching college options.

## Summer Youth Center Programming has something for everyone!

Finding affordable summer programming can be a challenge for families. All of the youth centers in Cambridge offer a variety of full-day affordable programming that has something for everyone.

**Youth Employment** CYP partners with the Office of Workforce Development and the Mayor’s Summer Youth Employment Program (MSYEP) to provide meaningful professional development experiences for our youth through a variety of peer leadership, service learning and summer programs. Approximately 950 youth participate in MSYEP annually.

**Inclusion Services** Staff also work closely with the Inclusion Services Team for the Department of Human Services to ensure that all youth programs

include children and youth with disabilities and special needs who meet eligibility requirements. When possible, we hire additional staff and work closely with families and school staff to coordinate services and meet our members’ needs so that they can fully participate in youth centers.

*“Cambridge Youth Centers offer young people the opportunity to connect with other caring adults who will listen and help guide them so that they can realize their dreams,” said Mercedes Soto, Director of Cambridge Youth Programs. “As a parent, it can be reassuring to know that your teenager is having conversations with another adult who is giving them similar advice about making positive life choices, and being their best selves in a way that they are able to hear it. Staff focus on youth and community assets, offer members constructive feedback and encourage them to open doors to a future filled with possibilities.”*

Learn more about Cambridge Youth Programs by visiting DHSP’s website [www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP](http://www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP) and clicking on Programs for Kids and Youth. ■

## CAMBRIDGE YOUTH PROGRAMS

OPERATE YEAR-ROUND AT FIVE YOUTH CENTER LOCATIONS:

**Area IV Youth Center** | 243 Harvard St.

617-349-6262 TDD: 617-492-0235

Nicole Rodriguez, Director

[nrodriguez@cambridgema.gov](mailto:nrodriguez@cambridgema.gov)

**Frisoli Youth Center** | 61 Willow St.

617-349-6316 TDD: 617-492-0235

Jeneen Mucci, Director [jmucci@cambridgema.gov](mailto:jmucci@cambridgema.gov)

**Gately Youth Center** | 70R Rindge Ave.

617-349-6277 TDD: 617-492-0235

Kenya Pavon, Director [kpavon@cambridgema.gov](mailto:kpavon@cambridgema.gov)

**Russell Youth Center** | 680 Huron Ave.

617-349-6314 TDD: 617-492-0235

Nelita DePina, Director [ndepina@cambridgema.gov](mailto:ndepina@cambridgema.gov)

### ALL TEENS ALL THE TIME

**Moore Youth Center** | 12 Gilmore St.

617-349-6273 TDD: 617-492-0235

Ages 14-19: Mon-Fri 2-9:30 p.m.

Rachel Deleveaux, Director,  
[rdeleveaux@cambridgema.gov](mailto:rdeleveaux@cambridgema.gov)

All Youth Centers are open Mon-Fri from 2-9:30 p.m. With the Exception of Moore Youth Center, which serves All Teens All the Time, the other four Youth Centers serve Grades 4-8 Mon-Fri from 2-6 p.m. and Teens (Ages 14-19) Mon-Fri from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

# CAMBRIDGE HISTORY IN 10 LITTLE-KNOWN FACTS

Everybody knows Cambridge as home to Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, but few know the rich and diverse history told by these facts.

**1 CAMBRIDGE WAS FOUNDED AS THE CAPITAL OF MASSACHUSETTS.** In 1630, the leaders of several Massachusetts Bay settlements could not agree which should be the capital of the colony. On the last day of the year, they spotted a hill near the Charles River and named it Newtowne. It was the first village in New England laid out on a grid plan, and not by wandering cows.

**2 HARVARD UNIVERSITY WAS A CONSOLATION PRIZE.** In 1634, the Governor moved the capital to Boston, eliminating the rationale for Newtowne's existence. Two years later, the nearly empty Newtowne was chosen over Salem as the site of a new college to train ministers for the colony. Newtowne then changed its name to Cambridge, after the university town in England.



Harvard College, ca. 1764 (Drawing by Pierre Eugène Du Simitière. The Library Company of Philadelphia).



George Washington taking command on July 3, 1775 (Courtesy of Fleet Bank).

**3 GEORGE WASHINGTON SLEPT HERE, BUT THE WASHINGTON ELM IS ONLY A TREE.**

General Washington arrived in Cambridge as leader of the American Army on July 2, 1775, and took up residence in an abandoned Tory home (today the Longfellow House—Washington's Headquarters National Historic Site). A popular legend claimed that Washington took command under a

particular tree on Cambridge Common, but 20th century historians have substantially debunked this notion.

**4 CAMBRIDGE USED TO BE 10 MILES FROM BOSTON.** The trip was 10 miles by a road that crossed the Charles on the Great Bridge of 1662 and passed through Brookline and Roxbury; alternatively, travelers could walk to Charlestown and take a ferry to the North End. The first bridge to Boston, on the site of today's Longfellow Bridge, opened in 1793 and reduced the distance to three miles.

**5 CAMBRIDGE COMPRISED FOUR RIVAL VILLAGES BEFORE IT BECAME A CITY IN 1846.**

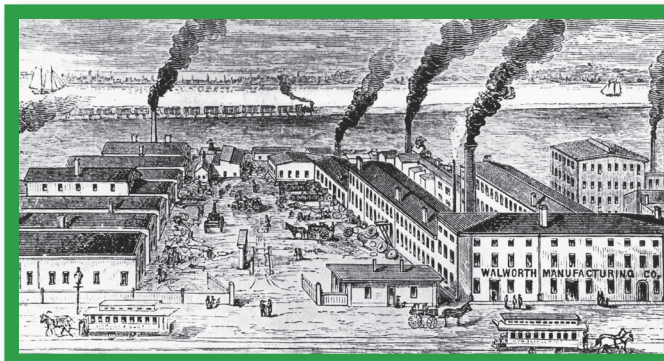
Cambridgeport grew up along the new road to Boston. East Cambridge became an industrial village and county seat after Craigie's Bridge opened in 1809. When the railroad arrived in 1842, North Cambridge developed as a cattle-trading center and commuter suburb. The original village around Harvard Square became known as Old Cambridge. Not until about 1900 did streets and houses fill the fields between the villages.

**6 CAMBRIDGEPORT REALLY WAS A PORT.** Promoters dug canals through the marshland on both sides of Main Street and built wharves, and the U.S. Congress designated Cambridge as a "port of delivery" in 1805. The Broad Canal near Kendall Square is a remnant of this system.



The Broad Canal, November 29, 1951 (Cambridge Electric Light Company Collection).





**Left:** Walworth Company, 706 Main Street in 1876 (*Some Industries of New England*, 1923).

**Below:** McCaffrey's Harness shop, 945 Cambridge Street, 1891 (Gift of Margaret McCaffrey).



## 7 CAMBRIDGE WAS AN INNOVATION CITY FROM EARLY ON.

Charles Davenport opened a factory on Main Street in 1842 that produced the first railroad passenger cars with a central aisle. He sold the factory to the Walworth Company, a manufacturer of steam heating apparatus; a machinist there invented the Stillson wrench in 1869. Walworth had a telegraph connection to its Boston office, which Alexander Graham Bell used to make the first long-distance telephone call in 1878. In the 1940s, Edwin Land of the Polaroid Corporation invented self-developing film there, and today the same complex houses a biotechnology company.

## 8 CAMBRIDGE WAS ONCE RANKED WITH AKRON, OHIO, AND DETROIT, MICHIGAN, AS AN EMERGING INDUSTRIAL POWERHOUSE.

In the 1920s, Cambridge traded places with Worcester as the second most industrialized city in Massachusetts. The city was home to steel fabricators, rubber factories, candy makers, a Model T assembly plant and the main U.S. factory of Lever Brothers, the soap maker; many of these industries began to close in the 1930s. Cambridge firms had pioneered in electronics during World War I, and beginning in the 1950s, high-tech and biotech enterprises became the city's economic engine.



Curtis Davis advertisement (Cambridge City Directory 1897).

## 9 CAMBRIDGE WAS ONCE RULED BY A WOMAN.

In 1639, Squaw Sachem, a survivor of epidemics that had wiped out most Native Americans in the 17th century, sold land that included Cambridge to English colonists. The first printing press in the colonies was brought by the widow Elizabeth Glover, who married the first president of Harvard College, Henry Dunster. Anne Bradstreet became the first published American poet in 1650. In 1845, Margaret Fuller was the first American to write a book about gender equality, *Woman in the Nineteenth Century*. In 1889, Maria Baldwin became the first African American woman principal of a public school in Massachusetts. In the early 20th century, Henrietta Swan Leavitt, Annie Jump Cannon and Cecelia Helena Payne Gaposchkin made numerous discoveries at Harvard Observatory. In 1969 Sara Mae Berman became the first woman to compete in the Boston Marathon (although women were not allowed to register until 1972). Barbara Ackermann was elected the city's first woman mayor in 1972, and E. Denise Simmons became the first openly lesbian African American mayor in the country in 2008.



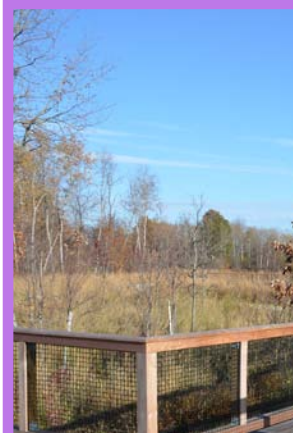
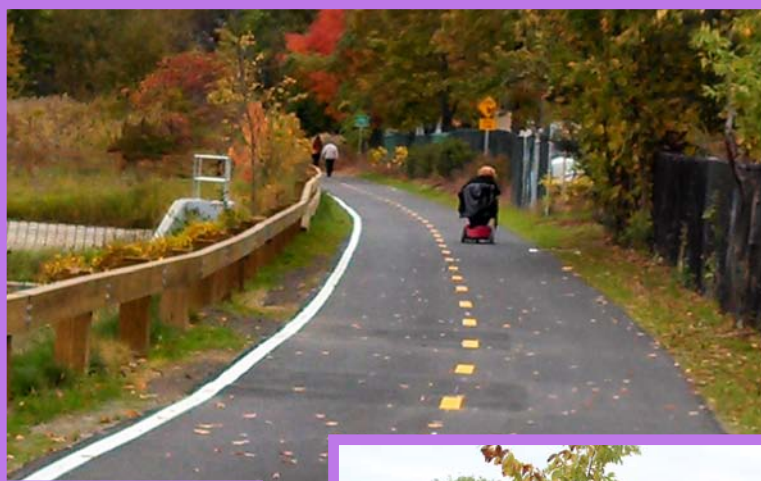
Maria L. Baldwin  
(Cambridge Public Library).

## 10 CAMBRIDGE'S MANY INDUSTRIES HAVE ATTRACTED AN ETHNICALLY DIVERSE POPULATION.

Beginning in the 1820s, immigrants from England, Scotland, Germany, Ireland, Canada, Italy, Portugal, Poland, Russia, Barbados and Haiti flocked to Cambridge, as did thousands of Americans from rural New England and the southern states. Today, students from over 20 countries of origin attend the city's high school. ■

All images courtesy of the Cambridge Historical Commission.

# ALEWIFE CONSTRUCTED



**Photos from top left:** The Alewife Greenway Extension multi-use path is conveniently located adjacent to the Wetland; Wetland visitors will find interconnected trails for recreational walking and running, access for bird watching, nature walks and scenic overlooks; The Wetland enhances the habitat within the Reservation with over 120,000 native wetland and 4,000 native upland plants.

The local community is invited to visit Cambridge's newest recreational destination, the Alewife Constructed Wetland, located just west of the Alewife T Station, along the Alewife Greenway Extension multi-use path. The long awaited opening of this large outdoor area followed an extensive and collaborative effort between the City's Department of Public Works, the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA) and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR).

The 3.4 acre wetland, one of the largest of its kind in New England, is designed to store and treat stormwater runoff before it enters the Little River. This will subsequently slow the flow of stormwater through contact with various marsh systems, allowing sediment to settle and removing nutrients and pollutants from the water. Several types of habitats, ranging from emergent marsh to riparian woodland have been created to enrich and enhance the biodiversity that already exists in the Alewife Reservation.



# WETLAND



## A WIN / WIN

The wetland provides a variety of recreational amenities, including a boardwalk and scenic overlooks, environmental education opportunities, an amphitheater designed with seating for a class of students, interpretive signage and links to the Alewife Greenway Extension's bike and pedestrian paths.

"This new wetland constructed in Alewife Reservation is an extraordinary example of what can be accomplished when new methods of stormwater management are undertaken with creative design and effective funding," said EkOngKar Singh Khalsa, Executive Director of the Mystic River Watershed Association. "The project is a testament to strong leadership and vision provided by the City of Cambridge and MWRA and consistent advocacy from local residents to support environmental restoration."

The wetland incorporates both conventional and bioengineered structures designed with a natural look and feel that has won praise from stakeholder groups.

***"This newly constructed wetland not only improves water quality in the Little River and Alewife Brook, but also provides a new and unique recreational and educational open space for the community to enjoy,"*** said Richard C. Rossi, City Manager.

# CAMBRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## TAKES TRADITIONAL FIREFIGHTING TO A NEW LEVEL



Multiple hazard training sessions keeps firefighters' skills honed for all types of rescue situations. **Above:** a drill for the Dive Rescue Team. **Right:** Hazardous Response Team suiting up; a confined space rescue drill; and a truck collapse rescue drill.



The Cambridge Fire Department (CFD) has a long and proud history of protecting the people who reside in and visit the City of Cambridge. In addition to providing traditional fire suppression, fire prevention and Emergency Medical Services, CFD has taken an all-hazard approach to tackling its mission.

### SPECIAL TEAMS AT WORK

Over the past two decades, the department formally expanded into specialized areas of Dive Rescue, Technical Rescue and Hazardous Materials Response. The department engages in cutting-edge training and purchases state-of-the-art specialized equipment to better prepare its firefighters for the variety of rescue situations they may encounter in an increasingly populated and diverse city like Cambridge.

CFD has numerous specialty vehicles to assist in rescue situations that may arise at educational, institutional and biotech facilities. The HazMat Response truck carries specialized metering and sampling devices, protective suits, spill containment and plug kits, decontamination equipment and chemical information search devices.

SCUBA and dive rescue equipment is transported by the Dive Rescue truck which can also be accompanied by CFD's Fire Rescue Boat(s) for use on waterways in and near the city. The Tactical Services truck contains high-angle and confined space rescue equipment along with many tools needed for all types of rescues and hazards. This truck also carries spare air cylinders for fire response and has the

capability of filling these cylinders as well as SCUBA cylinders on scene.

Construction or soil collapse situations can be addressed with the equipment on the Trench Rescue trailer. CFD recently acquired a Collapse Rescue trailer, which will be equipped with structural collapse rescue equipment. This trailer is part of specialized equipment for use in responding to structural collapse rescue situations in Cambridge or neighboring communities.

### OUR MOST VALUABLE RESOURCE

"The potential of this rescue equipment would never be realized without the combined experience of our special teams and their commitment to continuous training, making them our most valuable resource," said Fire Chief Gerald Reardon. "In this ever changing world, the Cambridge Fire Department is determined to provide the best service possible to our community." ■



# ONE-ON-ONE COACHING

## *A Successful Component of City Employment Programs*

Finding a job is almost always a difficult and challenging process, particularly in a down economy when competition can be fierce. Cambridge residents looking for coaching and support to find the right job can get the help they need at the Office of Workforce Development (OWD), a division of the City's Department of Human Service Programs.

### FUNDAMENTALS & FINDING A FIT

Through the Cambridge Employment Program (CEP), which offers free job search assistance to residents 18 and over, clients have access to computers and phones for researching and setting up interviews. CEP's career counselors also help them assess their skills and employment options, prepare resumes and cover letters, apply for jobs and prepare for interviews. Counselors reach out to local employers to identify openings and connect them to appropriate candidates.

CEP was a success for Mbarek, who owned and operated his own restaurant in Morocco for 14 years. He came to CEP after being in the US for less than a year; he had no resume or computer skills and spoke very little English. He started taking ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes at the City's Community Learning Center. With help from his counselor, Mbarek researched and applied for a position at a major restaurant, successfully interviewed and

recently started his new job as a cook.

"The special partnership between staff and client is what leads to successful outcomes," said CEP counselor Shirley Roderick.

### A SECOND CHANCE

OWD also operates Cambridge Works, a transitional jobs program for younger residents (age 18-35)



CEP helps Cambridge residents with marketable skills, like cooking, connect with employers who can put those skills to work.

who, for a variety of reasons, have not been able to get or keep jobs. These residents have little work history or marketable skills, may have education barriers or have had a brush with the law. The centerpiece of the program is a 13-week temporary job, which enables participants to learn and practice basic job-readiness skills. The work experience is coupled with case management and weekly professional development workshops. Participants start to develop realistic career objectives, gain confidence and prepare for the next step, looking for unsubsidized private sector employment.

John Loder is a Cambridge Works success story. When he was accepted as a Cambridge Works participant in July 2012, he was working an overnight shift at Dunkin' Donuts. Staff quickly learned that John was a hard working father of two, committed to obtaining a good, full time position, and determined to make the most of every opportunity presented to him. With a strong referral from the staff, John was accepted to a three month intern position in the Facilities Division of Spaulding Hospital. He showed up early to work every day, took on additional duties shoveling the hospital grounds during snow storms and displayed a consistently positive attitude. Spaulding staff, impressed with his work performance and commitment, hired him full time as a Facilities Assistant after graduation from the Cambridge Works Program; he continues to work there today.

Job search is never easy, but with personalized assistance from CEP and Cambridge Works staff, residents can get the support they need to succeed. **For more information, contact Susan Mintz at 617-349-6070 or [smintz@cambridgema.gov](mailto:smintz@cambridgema.gov).** ■



Cambridge Works participant John Loder at his new job at Spaulding Hospital.

# Urban Agriculture TAKES US BACK TO OUR ROOTS

**H**erb gardens outside of kitchen windows, tomato plants growing in old coolers and lettuce picked from a balcony. This is the world of urban agriculture. For many it is a counter-intuitive pairing of words, but for others, it represents a connection between the land and the heart of a city.

## A GROWING MOVEMENT

Whether it is residents getting their hands dirty in a community garden plot, families shopping at one of the daily seasonal farmers markets, or local bee keepers at Fresh Pond, the evidence of Cambridge's commitment to providing access to fresh local food is clearly visible.

Urban agriculture is a growing part of the movement for people to get back in touch with the origins of their food. City agriculture has many faces: backyard fruit trees, roof-top and balcony gardens, community gardens in parks, and even Cambridge Public Schools (CPS). CPS has partnered with CitySprouts to ensure that hands-on learning, environmental stewardship and the experience of growing and eating food becomes part of the public education all children receive.

The popularity of urban agriculture has increased considerably in the last few years as concerns about the environment have combined with increased interest in health and community-building issues; it is becoming an integral part of sustainable development paths for cities.

## PROVIDING FERTILE GROUND

The Cambridge Conservation Commission conducts regular seminars to help residents understand how best to use their limited space to create dense, high yielding gardens. The Commission's Director

approaches urban agriculture as a call to sustainability, a method to help people relieve the stress of daily life, a way to unify neighborhoods and a commitment to build lifelong healthy eating habits through a farm to table approach. In addition to educating people about how to grow healthy food in limited spaces, the Commission promotes the benefits of composting.

"Composting is nature's way of recycling and is one of the best and easiest things people can do to reduce waste and grow a healthy and sustainable garden or houseplants," says Director Jennifer Letourneau. "Composting helps curb climate change by preventing organics from being buried in a landfill, which produces methane. Additionally, gardeners save time and money by using their own compost. Plus, plants love compost because it adds nutrients to the soil, helping them grow trouble-free with less water, fertilizer or pesticides."

**Learn more about the exciting world of urban agriculture or composting at [www.cambridgema.gov/ccf/urbanagriculture](http://www.cambridgema.gov/ccf/urbanagriculture). ■**



**Top Photo:** A fan of the Maher Park Garden (Photo by Jennifer Letourneau).

**Photos Above:** Harvard Square Farmers Market (Photo by Bob Coe), Costa Lopez Taylor Garden (Photo by Jennifer Letourneau).



# RESOURCES AT A GLANCE

## NEW RESIDENT INFORMATION

**About Cambridge** Cambridge, Massachusetts has a population of 105,162 (2010 US Census) located in a 6.5 square mile area. The city has a strong mix of cultural, demographic and social diversity, and is home to world-renowned educational institutions, Harvard University and MIT, as well as numerous high tech and bio tech companies. Cambridge is an international community with 28% of residents being foreign born.

**City of Cambridge News and Information:** [www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov)

**Like us on Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/CambridgeMA.gov](http://www.facebook.com/CambridgeMA.gov)

- ▶ **22-CityView (Municipal Channel)** For calendar information, community programs and City Council meetings, Mondays at 5:30 p.m.
- ▶ **Bike Share Program** Numerous Hubway bike share stations in Cambridge connect to neighboring cities of Boston, Somerville and Brookline. [www.cambridgema.gov/hubway](http://www.cambridgema.gov/hubway)
- ▶ **Cambridge Public Schools** [www.cpsd.us](http://www.cpsd.us)
- ▶ **Human Services** For Adult Education and Employment Programs; Youth and Family Services; Recreation and Seniors. [www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP](http://www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP)
- ▶ **Libraries** Call 617-349-4040 [www.cambridgepubliclibrary.org](http://www.cambridgepubliclibrary.org)
- ▶ **Moving Van Permits** 617-349-4721 [www.cambridgema.gov/movingvan](http://www.cambridgema.gov/movingvan)
- ▶ **Pay City Bills Online** Pay parking tickets, motor vehicle excise, property tax and water bills online. [www.cambridgema.gov/payonline](http://www.cambridgema.gov/payonline)
- ▶ **Pet Registration** Dogs must be registered with the Cambridge Animal Commission. Ph. 617-349-4376.
- ▶ **Property Tax** Bills are issued twice annually. Contact the Finance Dept. Ph. 617-349-4220.
- ▶ **Public Transportation** The MBTA, referred to as the T, runs trains on the Green and Red Lines as well as 33 bus lines through Cambridge. The Fitchburg Commuter Rail connects at Porter Square. Other shuttles also run through Cambridge. [www.mbtta.com](http://www.mbtta.com)
- ▶ **Recycling/Trash Pick-up** Cambridge has a mandatory recycling Ordinance. [www.cambridgema.gov/recycling](http://www.cambridgema.gov/recycling)
- ▶ **Resident/Visitor Parking Permits** Permits are required for on-street parking in residential neighborhoods. [www.cambridgema.gov/rpp](http://www.cambridgema.gov/rpp)
- ▶ **Snow Emergency Parking Bans** If the City declares a snow emergency, parking is prohibited on signed streets. Sign up for Cambridge Alert Network at [www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov) to receive City notifications. [www.cambridgema.gov/snow](http://www.cambridgema.gov/snow)
- ▶ **Snow Clearing Ordinance** Property owners are required to remove snow/ice from sidewalks and curb ramps next to their home or business. [www.cambridgema.gov/snow](http://www.cambridgema.gov/snow)
- ▶ **Street Cleaning** Streets are cleaned once a month from Apr. through Dec. During designated street cleaning days, cars must be moved or they will be ticketed and towed. [www.cambridgema.gov/streetcleaning](http://www.cambridgema.gov/streetcleaning)
- ▶ **Voter Registration** You must be registered to vote in Cambridge in order to vote here. Contact Cambridge Election Commission at 617-349-4361 or visit [www.cambridgema.gov/election](http://www.cambridgema.gov/election).
- ▶ **Water** Cambridge operates its own water utility. Bills are issued quarterly. Call 617-349-4770 or visit [www.cambridgema.gov/Water](http://www.cambridgema.gov/Water)

### Sign up for City Notifications through Cambridge Alert Network [www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov)

- **CodeRed** alerts residents via phone, text, e-mail about Snow and other City emergencies, evacuations, major water outages, etc.
- **Citizen Observer** is used by police to send neighborhood crime alerts via emails and text.
- **Cambridge E-LINE** is used to send email and text reminders about Street Cleaning & Trash/ Recycling pickup and certain City news.

**CAMBRIDGE  
ALERT  
NETWORK**

CodeRED • CitizenObserver • Cambridge E-Line

### Let us Know through Cambridge iReport



Cambridge iReport is your online connection for reporting and tracking common City services. Use iReport to report a pothole,

park maintenance request, rodent sighting, icy sidewalk, defective streetlight, graffiti, and a variety of other items. Add Cambridge iReport to your mobile device. Visit the iTunes App Store or Google Play or [www.cambridgema.gov/iReport](http://www.cambridgema.gov/iReport)

## ► Important Numbers

Emergency	911
Police (non-emergency)	617-349-3300
Fire (non-emergency)	617-349-4900
Public Health Dept.	617-665-3800
Public Schools	617-349-6400
Public Works	617-349-4800
Water Department	617-349-4770

## ► Cambridge City Hall

795 Massachusetts Avenue  
Cambridge, MA 02139\*  
617-349-4000 TTY 617-349-4242  
[www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov)  
[www.facebook.com/CambridgeMA.gov](http://www.facebook.com/CambridgeMA.gov)

\*Address for all departments in City Hall  
Hours: Mon., 8:30 a.m. – 8 p.m., Tues.– Thurs.,  
8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Fri., 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

## ► City Manager's Office

617-349-4300  
[www.cambridgema.gov/cmanager](http://www.cambridgema.gov/cmanager)  
Richard C. Rossi, City Manager  
Lisa C. Peterson, Deputy City Mgr.  
The City Manager is appointed by the City  
Council as the City's Chief Executive Officer.  
E-mail: [citymanager@cambridgema.gov](mailto:citymanager@cambridgema.gov)

## ► City Council Office

617-349-4280  
[www.cambridgema.gov/ccouncil](http://www.cambridgema.gov/ccouncil)  
The City Council is Cambridge's elected  
legislature and meets on Mondays at 5:30 p.m.  
at Cambridge City Hall. View meetings live  
on Channel 22-CityView or via webcast at  
[www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov).

## ► Mayor's Office

617-349-4321  
[www.cambridgema.gov/mayor](http://www.cambridgema.gov/mayor)  
David P. Maher, Mayor  
The Mayor chairs City Council and School  
Committee meetings and serves as the City's  
political leader. E-mail: [mayor@cambridgema.gov](mailto:mayor@cambridgema.gov)

Check out the City's Website for more  
resources and helpful information:



- Sign up for Cambridge Alert Network
- View City Council meetings via Webcast
- Pay Bills Online
- City Permits
- Like Cambridge on Facebook



**[www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov)**

## ► City Information Lines

Construction Information	617-349-4870
Graffiti Hotline	617-349-6955
Library Reference Desk (open until 9 p.m.)	617-349-4044
Potholes/Sidewalk/Street Repairs	617-349-4854
Public Works (24 hr. emergency service)	617-349-4800
Rodent Control	617-349-4899
School Closings/Information Line	617-349-6513
Snow Emergency Parking Bans	617-349-4700
Snow Hotline (unshoveled/icy sidewalks)	617-349-4903

## ► City Departments

22-CityView (Municipal Channel)	617-349-4296
Affirmative Action	617-349-4331
Animal Commission	617-349-4376
Arts Council	617-349-4380
Assessing	617-349-4343
Auditing	617-349-4240
Budget	617-349-4270
City Clerk	617-349-4260
City Council Office	617-349-4280
City Manager's Office	617-349-4300
Community Development	617-349-4600
Commission for Persons w/ Disabilities	617-349-4692

TTY 617-492-0235

Conservation Commission	617-349-4680
Consumers' Council	617-349-6150
Election Commission	617-349-4361
Electrical	617-349-4925
Emergency Communications	617-349-6911
Finance	617-349-4220
Fire (non-emergency)	617-349-4900
Historical Commission	617-349-4683
Human Rights Commission	617-349-4396
Human Services	617-349-6200
Information Technology	617-349-4140
Inspectional Services	617-349-6100
Law	617-349-4121
Library	617-349-4040
License Commission	617-349-6140
Mayor's Office	617-349-4321
Peace Commission	617-349-4694
Personnel	617-349-4332
Police (non-emergency)	617-349-3300
Police Review & Advisory Board	617-349-6155
Public Works	617-349-4800
Purchasing	617-349-4310
Traffic, Parking and Transportation	617-349-4700
Veterans' Services	617-349-4761
Water	617-349-4770
Weights & Measures	617-349-6133
Women's Commission	617-349-4697

## ► Other Helpful Numbers

Cambridge District Court (Medford)	781-306-2710
Cambridge Housing Authority	617-864-3020
Mass. Dept. of Conservation & Recreation	617-626-1250
Middlesex Probate Court	617-768-5800
Middlesex South Registry of Deeds	617-679-6300
Middlesex Superior Court (Woburn)	781-939-2700



► **Affordable Housing/1st Time Homebuyers**

[www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/housing](http://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/housing)

The Housing Division of the City's Community Development Dept. works with various agencies to provide a range of housing options for residents. A variety of free programs assist potential homebuyers through every step of the process. The City also offers affordable homeownership units to first-time homebuyers with incomes up to 100% of Area Median Income.

► **Basic City Services**

**617-349-4800 or 617-349-4860 (after hours)**

The Department of Public Works (DPW) provides basic City services and coordinates local construction projects.

**Construction** [www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/cityprojects](http://www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/cityprojects)

**Recycling** [www.cambridgema.gov/recyclingcenter](http://www.cambridgema.gov/recyclingcenter)

**Trash Pick-Up** [www.cambridgema.gov/trash](http://www.cambridgema.gov/trash)

**Street Cleaning** [www.cambridgema.gov/streetcleaning](http://www.cambridgema.gov/streetcleaning)

► **Cambridge iReport**

[www.cambridgema.gov/iReport](http://www.cambridgema.gov/iReport)

Cambridge iReport is your online connection for reporting and tracking City services. Use iReport to report a pothole, park maintenance request, rodent sighting, icy sidewalk, defective streetlight, graffiti, and a variety of other items. To add Cambridge iReport to your mobile device, visit the iTunes App Store or Google Play or visit the website.



**Issues and Concerns**

▪ Consumer disputes	617-349-6150
▪ Discrimination in housing, employment, other	617-349-4396
▪ Graffiti hotline	617-349-6955
▪ Noise complaints (construction-related)	617-349-6100
▪ Noise complaints (both repetitive and immediate)	617-349-3300
▪ Parking ticket issues	617-349-4700
▪ Potholes / sidewalks / street repairs	617-349-4854
▪ Public Works (24 hr. emergency service)	617-349-4800
▪ Public Works (svc. requests)	<a href="mailto:theworks@cambridgema.gov">theworks@cambridgema.gov</a>
▪ Recycling/Yard Waste	<a href="mailto:recycle@cambridgema.gov">recycle@cambridgema.gov</a>
▪ Rodent control	617-349-4899 or <a href="mailto:rodents@cambridgema.gov">rodents@cambridgema.gov</a>
▪ Snow Info.	617-349-4903 or visit <a href="http://www.cambridgema.gov/snow">www.cambridgema.gov/snow</a>
▪ Street light repair	617-349-4925
▪ Water Dept. 24-hr emergency service	617-349-4770

► **City Notifications**

[www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov)

Sign up for emergency and other City notifications.



► **City Scholarship Fund**

[www.cambridgema.gov/cityscholarship](http://www.cambridgema.gov/cityscholarship) **617-349-4220**

The City provides educational scholarships to eligible Cambridge residents.

► **Commission for Persons with Disabilities**

[www.cambridgema.gov/ccpd](http://www.cambridgema.gov/ccpd)

**617-349-4692 or TTY 617-492-0235**

The Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities works to reduce and eliminate the barriers that people with disabilities experience

in our community. Contact them for temporary disability parking permits and info. on Cambridge taxi discount program.

► **Community Development**

[www.cambridgema.gov/cdd](http://www.cambridgema.gov/cdd)

The Community Development Department enhances the character and diversity of the city's neighborhoods and supports sustainable economic growth that expands opportunities for residents, enables a high quality of life within the community and contributes to a healthy environment. Contact them for business assistance, demographics, environmental and transportation info.

► **Community Learning Center**

[www.cambridgema.gov/dhsp/clc](http://www.cambridgema.gov/dhsp/clc)

**617-349-6363 5 Western Ave.**

The Community Learning Center helps adults improve their lives and increase their community participation through free educational programs and services, including English language classes; basic reading, writing and math classes; High School Equivalency prep exams; college prep; and U.S. citizenship test prep.

► **Consumers' Council**

[www.cambridgema.gov/consumercouncil](http://www.cambridgema.gov/consumercouncil)

**617-349-6150**

The Cambridge Consumers' Council responds to consumer problems and complaints, and offers a free, voluntary mediation program aimed at resolving disputes so that neither party needs to pursue formal legal action.

► **Employment Programs**

[www.cambridgema.gov/dhsp/cep](http://www.cambridgema.gov/dhsp/cep)

The **Cambridge Employment Program** provides free employment assistance to residents, including career counseling, job search, help with resumes/cover letters, plus access to computers, fax machine and telephones. **Cambridge Works** is a transitional jobs program serving residents age 18-35 who have been unable to get or keep jobs. Cambridge supports Just-A-Start on its eight month **Cambridge Biomedical Careers Program** designed to enable residents to complete a Certificate in Biomedical Sciences to prepare them for entry level jobs at local biotechnology companies, universities, research institutions, clinical labs and hospitals.

► **Farmers Markets**

[www.cambridgema.gov/farmersmarkets](http://www.cambridgema.gov/farmersmarkets)

You can find a farmers market operating in Cambridge most days in spring, summer and fall and on Saturdays in winter. Some markets also accept EBT/SNAP.

### ► Hubway

[www.cambridgema.gov/hubway](http://www.cambridgema.gov/hubway)  
855-4Hubway

Regional bikeshare program with dozens of stations in Cambridge, connecting to stations in Boston, Somerville and Brookline.

### ► Library Services

[www.cambridgepubliclibrary.org](http://www.cambridgepubliclibrary.org)

Cambridge Public Library offers a range of services in addition to its traditional services:

- Learn a new language with Mango online.
- Develop a new skill with Lynda.com, a new in-house database that offers over 2,000 video tutorials on just about anything, from animation to photography to business skills and social media.
- Visit a museum! All library locations offer museum pass for discounts or free admission.
- Practice your English skills and meet new friends at an English conversation group.
- Join a book group, covering everything from the classics to contemporary, from chick lit to children's.
- Book a meeting room for your Cambridge-based non-profit group.

### Library Branch Locations

#### Boudreau Branch

245 Concord Avenue 617-349-4017

#### Central Square Branch

45 Pearl Street 617-349-4010

#### Collins Branch

64 Aberdeen Avenue 617-349-4021

#### O'Connell Branch

48 Sixth Street 617-349-4021

#### O'Neill Branch

70 Rindge Avenue 617-349-4023

#### Valente Branch

826 Cambridge Street 617-349-4015



CPL Children's Room (Photo by Bob Coe).

### ► myCambridge Address Search Tool

[gis.cambridgema.gov/myCambridge](http://gis.cambridgema.gov/myCambridge)

Type in your street address to find information on your building, property, neighborhood and City services, such as trash pick-up or street sweeping day, and other valuable information all in one place!

### ► Neighborhood Sergeants Program

[www.cambridgepolice.org](http://www.cambridgepolice.org) 617-349-9339

Cambridge Police Dept. assigns a Sergeant to each neighborhood to act as a liaison.

### ► Off Leash Dog Parks

[www.cambridgema.gov/offleash](http://www.cambridgema.gov/offleash)

Two fenced-in off leash dog areas are located at Danehy Park in North Cambridge and Pacific St. Park in Cambridgeport. Shared use off leash areas include Fresh Pond Reservation in West Cambridge and Fort Washington Park in Cambridgeport.

### ► Open Space & Parks [www.cambridgema.gov/parks](http://www.cambridgema.gov/parks)

Cambridge has a two large open space areas (listed below) and over 80 parks, playgrounds, tot lots and water play areas. Check out our information page including interactive maps.

#### • Alewife Constructed Wetland

This 3.4 acre wetland located just west of Alewife T Station, along the Alewife Greenway Extension's bike and pedestrian paths, provides new recreational and open space amenities, including a boardwalk and scenic overlooks, environmental education opportunities and an amphitheater with seating for a class of students.

#### • Fresh Pond Reservation

[www.cambridgema.gov/freshpond](http://www.cambridgema.gov/freshpond)

Located next to Cambridge's Water Treatment Facility at 250 Fresh Pond Parkway, Fresh Pond Reservation is the city's largest open space area with 162 acres surrounding and protecting the 155 acre Fresh Pond Reservoir. Residents enjoy walking, running, biking, rollerblading, bird watching, etc. Friends of Fresh Pond host nature programs year-round.

### ► Park Permits

617-349-6238 Reserve a Field for athletic use

617-349-4846 Reserve a Park for non-athletic use

### ► City Permits

[www.cambridgema.gov/permitsandapplications](http://www.cambridgema.gov/permitsandapplications)

For online or printable pdfs of most City permits/applications visit website.

### ► Pay Bills Online

[www.cambridgema.gov/payonline](http://www.cambridgema.gov/payonline)

Pay parking tickets, motor vehicle excise tax, personal property, real estate and water bills online.

### ► Programs for Children, Youth and Families

[www.cambridgema.gov/dhsp](http://www.cambridgema.gov/dhsp)

The Department of Human Services Programs (DHSP) offers a range of programs for families, including Preschool and After-School programs, Summer Camps and Food Programs, Youth Centers and Community Schools, which provide a network of neighborhood based services offering educational, cultural, social and recreational opportunities for all age groups.





West Cambridge Youth Center Kids (Photo by Arthur Kwesi).

## RESIDENT INFORMATION

### ► Senior Centers

[www.cambridgema.gov/seniors](http://www.cambridgema.gov/seniors)

Cambridge operates two senior centers offering a variety of programs and services at the following locations: 806 Mass. Ave. and 2050 Mass. Ave.

### ► Small Business Assistance

[www.cambridgema.gov/business](http://www.cambridgema.gov/business)

The Economic Development Division of the Community Development Dept. offers a variety of business development services to Cambridge small businesses.

### ► Snow Emergency Parking Bans

[www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov) 617-349-4700

When a Snow Emergency is declared, parking is prohibited on major streets and on one side of small streets. Check posted signs carefully. To learn if a ban is in effect, call or visit the website.

### ► Tree Inventory Map

[www.cambridgema.gov/treemap](http://www.cambridgema.gov/treemap)

Check out this map of street tree species around the city through this mobile GIS application. This web page is also formatted to use the phone's GPS to track your location and show you the species of the street trees near you.

### ► Towed Vehicles

[www.cambridgema.gov/towedvehicles](http://www.cambridgema.gov/towedvehicles)

If your vehicle has been towed, you can look up the location it was taken.

### ► EZRide Shuttle

[www.ezride.info](http://www.ezride.info) 617-517-9740

EZRide connects North Station to Lechmere, Kendall Square and Cambridgeport, with stops at Galleria Mall and University Park.

### ► Veterans' Services

[www.cambridgema.gov/vet](http://www.cambridgema.gov/vet)

The Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) serves as an advocate for all veterans and their dependents, and advises clients as to the availability of state services and benefits to which they are entitled to. DVS also provides financial assistance to needy veterans, surviving spouses and their dependents.

### ► Voter Registration Search

[www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov)

Check your voter status, address, political party affiliation, elected officials and polling location through this link under Online Services on City's website.

### ► Youth Centers 617-349-6200

[www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/youthprograms.cfm](http://www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/youthprograms.cfm)

Five fully-equipped youth centers include classroom space, meeting rooms, gymnasiums, kitchens and easy access to parks.

**Area IV** 243 Harvard Street 617-349-6262

**Frisoli** 61 Willow Street 617-349-6312

**Gately** 70R Rindge Avenue 617-349-6277

**Moore** (Teens Only) 12 Gilmore Street 617-349-6273

**Russell** 680 Huron Avenue 617-349-6314

### ► Cambridge Public Health Department

[www.cambridgepublichealth.org](http://www.cambridgepublichealth.org)

119 Windsor St. 617-665-3800

Responsible for protecting the health of the Cambridge community through a variety of programs and services, often working in collaboration with the City administration. CPHD is part of Cambridge Health Alliance.

### ► Public Transportation

**Mass. Bay Transit Authority (MBTA or The T)**

[www.mbta.com](http://www.mbta.com)

Cambridge is served by the red and green subway lines, buses and a commuter rail stop at Porter Square. Download real-time smartphone apps, such as Catch the Bus and Catch the T. Service hours for Rapid Transit and Key Bus Routes (including #1) have been extended on Friday and Saturday nights. The last trains depart downtown stations at approximately 1 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights and approximately 2:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights. Individual schedules vary. For example, the last Green and Red Line trains depart Park St. Station between 2:24-2:36 a.m.

### ► Recreation

[www.cambridgema.gov/recreation](http://www.cambridgema.gov/recreation)

The Recreation Department provides quality, affordable and accessible recreational opportunities for residents of all ages; manages youth and adult leagues and facilities; schedules City parks for athletic and recreational uses; manages **Danehy Park**, 99 Sherman St. (including permitting of barbeque pits) and **Fresh Pond Golf Course**, 691 Huron Ave. The Department coordinates recreational and fitness programs and activities at **Cambridge War Memorial Recreation Center**, 1640 Cambridge St., **the Gold Star Mothers' Pool**, Berkshire & Cambridge Streets, and summer children's activities at neighborhood parks and playgrounds. **The Cambridge Program** is a recreational program that caters to individuals with special needs.

### ► Resident/Visitor Parking Permits

[www.cambridgema.gov/rpp](http://www.cambridgema.gov/rpp)

Permits are required to park on residential streets. Renew online.

► Here is a sampling of upcoming events in Cambridge. For additional information, visit [www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov).

## June

**Cambridge River Festival in Central Square** 6/7  
[www.cambridgeartscouncil.org](http://www.cambridgeartscouncil.org)

Featuring live music, visual arts, theatrical and dance performances, family entertainment, art-making activities and workshops, crafts, international food and more! Free. New Location for this year in Central Square along Mass Ave. and Sidney St. Noon to 6 p.m. No Rain Date.

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection** 6/7  
 Cambridge Public Works [www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks](http://www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks)  
 Parking Lot at Volpe Transportation Bldg., 55 Broadway, East Cambridge.  
 Cambridge residents only. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Dance for World Community** 6/14  
[www.danceforworldcommunity.org](http://www.danceforworldcommunity.org) 617-354-7467  
 Free indoor/outdoor event for everyone to gather and “celebrate the power of dance to create social change.” Harvard Square. Noon-10 p.m.

**Dragon Boat Festival** 6/14 – 15  
[www.bostondragonboat.org](http://www.bostondragonboat.org)  
 Event on the Charles River featuring dragon boat races, crafts demonstrations, music, dance, martial arts and Asian foods. Free. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Hoops ‘N’ Health** 6/14  
 Cambridge Public Health Dept. 617-665-3769  
 Basketball/flag football tournament at Hoyt Field (10 a.m. – 6 p.m.). Health fair, free food, music and children’s games (Noon – 5 p.m.). Free and open to the public. Rain date 6/21.

**Shakespeare in the Park** 6/19-21, 6/26-9  
[www.fiascoproductionsltd.com](http://www.fiascoproductionsltd.com)  
 Free live performance of *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, **Longfellow Park:** 6/19-21, 7 p.m.; also 6/21-22, 2 p.m. **Danehy Park:** 6/26-28, 7 p.m.; also 6/28-29, 2 p.m.

**Make Music Central Square** 6/21  
[www.centralsquarecambridge.com](http://www.centralsquarecambridge.com)  
 Join us for free music in the streets of Central Square from 1-7 p.m.

**Make Music Harvard Square** 6/21  
[www.harvardsquare.com](http://www.harvardsquare.com)  
 Harvard Sq. Bus. Assoc. Noon – 10 p.m.

**City of Cambridge Dance Party** 6/27  
[www.cambridgema.com](http://www.cambridgema.com) 617-349-4301  
 Dance in the street in front of City Hall at this Friday night dance party for the entire Cambridge community. 7 – 11 p.m.

**Library Summer Reading Programs**  
[www.cambridgema.gov/cpl](http://www.cambridgema.gov/cpl) 617-349-4409  
 Programs for children and teens.

## July

**Central Swings All Summer!** [www.centralsquarecambridge.com](http://www.centralsquarecambridge.com)  
 Free concerts and other events in Central Square.

**Friends of Fresh Pond** [www.friendsoffreshpond.org](http://www.friendsoffreshpond.org)  
 Enjoy nature events at Cambridge’s largest open space area.

**Boston’s Harborfest** [www.bostonharborfest.com](http://www.bostonharborfest.com)  
 This six-day long Fourth of July Festival showcases colonial and maritime heritage of the cradle of the American Revolution: the historic City of Boston.

## COMMUNITY EVENT LISTINGS

[www.cambridgeusa.org/events](http://www.cambridgeusa.org/events)

**CAMBRIDGE**  
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Visitors and residents can follow, like and tag us....we LOVE making new friends!



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Share your favorite moments from your visit on Instagram. Tag your photo #picturecambridge and we may include it on our homepage!

## CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

[www.cambridgepubliclibrary.org](http://www.cambridgepubliclibrary.org)

The Main Library and the six branch libraries offer over 100 programs/month. From story times and book groups to major author appearances and special events, there is something for everyone. Visit our website to see what’s happening and learn about our many resources and services, including ebooks, databases, free museum passes and Oscar winning films. At the Main library, borrow a pre-loaded Nook, visit the new Cambridge Room archive or use the new Braille printer.



## CAMBRIDGE FARMERS MARKETS

[www.massfarmersmarkets.org](http://www.massfarmersmarkets.org)

Did you know that you can find a farmers market operating every day of the week in Cambridge and during the winter on Saturdays? Mass Farmers Markets partners with farmers, consumers and communities to foster, enhance and sustain farmers market in Massachusetts in order to improve regional farm viability, consumer nutrition, and community social and economic development. The City of Cambridge supports

local farmers markets in a variety of ways to ensure residents have access to fresh, healthy, locally grown food year-round. Several of the farmers markets also accept EBT/SNAP. For locations, visit the website.





## Summer in the City

[www.cambridgeartscouncil.org](http://www.cambridgeartscouncil.org) 617-349-4380

An array of multicultural and interactive performances throughout the City's public spaces featuring dance, music, storytellers, theater and puppetry for children ages 4 – 11. Free and open to the public.

## Screen on the Green 7/9-8/13

[www.cambridgema.gov/dhsp](http://www.cambridgema.gov/dhsp)

Free movies and more in Cambridge Parks  
Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

## Inman Square StoryWalk 7/8

[www.inmansquare.com](http://www.inmansquare.com)

## Open Archives Tours, Adventures in Gastronomy 7/14- 7/17

[www.cambridgearchives.org](http://www.cambridgearchives.org)

A rare chance to go behind the scenes at archives and repositories in Cambridge. For information and to register for tours, visit the website.

## Taste of Cambridge 7/15

[www.tasteofcambridge.com](http://www.tasteofcambridge.com)

The annual food extravaganza on Sidney St. in Central Square. 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Rain Date 7/17.

## August

### Summer in the City

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An array of performances. See July listing.

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## Night Out Against Crime 8/5

Annual crime and drug prevention event.  
Riverside Press Park. 5 – 8 p.m

## Inman Funch 8/7 & 8/14

[www.inmansquare.com](http://www.inmansquare.com)

Bring your lunch and enjoy free music and wellness activities at Vellucci Plaza, Inman Square (corner of Hampshire & Cambridge St.).

## Shakespeare in the Park 8/8-10

[www.theatretruck.com](http://www.theatretruck.com)

Free performances at Sennott Park. Check website for times.

## Inman Square Movie Night/ Neighborhood Social 8/21

[www.inmansquare.com](http://www.inmansquare.com)

## Household Hazardous Waste Day 8/23

[www.cambridgema.gov/theworks](http://www.cambridgema.gov/theworks)

Danehy Park parking lot at Field & Fern St.  
Cambridge residents only. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

## September

## Cambridge Carnival 9/7

A festive celebration rooted in African traditions and featuring a dazzling costume parade, music, dancing, food and more in Kendall Square. Noon – 7 p.m.

## State Primary Election 9/9

[www.cambridgema.gov/election](http://www.cambridgema.gov/election) 617-349-4361

Call or visit Election Commission website for voter registration information and polling locations

## PARK(ing) Day

9/19

[www.cambridgema.gov/cdd](http://www.cambridgema.gov/cdd)

An annual worldwide event encouraging citizens to transform metered parking spots into temporary public parks.

## Danehy Park Family Day 9/20

[www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov)

Enjoy a fun-filled day of children's amusement rides, arts and crafts, music and roving performers, plus free hot dogs, chips, sodas and T-shirts while supplies last! Amusement rides, roving performers, Children's stage. Free hot dogs, chips, soda. Free and open to the public from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

## Cambridge Discovery Day 9/20

[www.cambridgearchives.org](http://www.cambridgearchives.org)

Explore Cambridge during free tours and events presented by experienced guides.

## Fall Bike Ride 9/28

Cambridge Bicycle Committee

[www.cambridgebikes.org](http://www.cambridgebikes.org)

Discover new places on themed bike tours.

## October

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection 10/4

Cambridge Public Works

[www.cambridgema.gov/theworks](http://www.cambridgema.gov/theworks)

Parking Lot at Volpe Transportation Bldg., 55 Broadway, East Cambridge.

Cambridge residents only; 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

## Cambridgeport History Day 10/11

[www.cambridgehistory.org](http://www.cambridgehistory.org)

617-547-4252

Celebrate the neighborhood with walking tours, displays and music in Dana Park. Handwritten notes tell the stories of houses, both personal and historic.

## Oktoberfest and Honk Festival 10/12

[www.harvardsquare.com](http://www.harvardsquare.com)

Featuring six stages of live entertainment, food, art, jewelry, vintage clothing. Cambridge Common & Winthrop Park, Harvard Square. Noon – 6 p.m.

## Head of the Charles Regatta 10/18 - 19

[www.hocr.org](http://www.hocr.org)

617-868-6200

World's largest 2-day regatta attracts more than 8,000 racers from around the world. The races take place along the Charles River. 8 a.m – 4:30 p.m.

## InmanWeen 10/31

[www.inmansquare.com](http://www.inmansquare.com)

## November

## Family Literacy Fun Day 11/1

[www.cambridgema.gov/dhsp/cff](http://www.cambridgema.gov/dhsp/cff)

617-349-6200

Fun activities for families, including: face painting, literacy games, sing-alongs, giveaways, and a magician., plus a light lunch. City Hall. 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

## State Election 11/4

[www.cambridgema.gov/election](http://www.cambridgema.gov/election)

617-349-4361

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## Inman Square Hoedown 11/9

[www.inmansquare.com](http://www.inmansquare.com)

## Veterans' Day Observance 11/11

Cambridge Veteran's Services

[www.cambridgema.gov/VET](http://www.cambridgema.gov/VET)

Join us in the Cambridge Cemetery at 11 a.m. as we gather to honor our veterans, past and present, for their service to our country.

## December

## SparkleFest events all month long

[www.harvardsquare.com](http://www.harvardsquare.com)

617-491-3434

Month-long celebration of the holidays. Many events in Harvard Square.

## Shop Inman by Moonlight 12/11

[www.inmansquare.com](http://www.inmansquare.com)

Events and activities at Inman Square. 6 p.m.– Midnight.



## CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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### CITY OF CAMBRIDGE DANCE PARTY

Dance in the street in front of City Hall at this Friday night dance party for all of Cambridge.  
June 27, 2014 7 – 11 p.m.  
[www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov)  
(617) 349-4301



### SUMMER IN THE CITY

A mix of dance, song, storytelling, theater and puppetry presented in City parks and public spaces.  
July and August, 2014  
[www.cambridgeartscouncil.org](http://www.cambridgeartscouncil.org)  
(617) 349-4380



### DANEHY PARK FAMILY DAY

Enjoy crafts, amusement rides, free refreshments and T-shirts, roving performers and more!  
September 20, 2014 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
[www.cambridgema.gov](http://www.cambridgema.gov)  
(617) 349-4301